

### **REMARKS**

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on January 5, 2006.

Claims 8, 11, 13 and 16 are amended, claims 1-7 are canceled, and claims 21-27 are added; as a result, claims 8-27 are now pending in this application.

Claim 11 is amended to reflect a typographical error in the claim. This amendment is intended to clarify the claim and not restrict the scope of the claim.

### **In the Specification**

The specification has been amended to update the priority data to include the issue number of parent Application No. 10/118,666.

### **Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a 1449 Form on December 29, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the 1449 Form be returned to Applicant's Representatives to indicate that the cited references have been considered by the Examiner.

### **Affirmation of Election**

Restriction to one of the following claims was required:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to articles, classified in class 257.
- II. Claims 8-20, drawn to methods, classified in class 219.

As provisionally elected by Applicant's representative, Timothy Clise, on December 28, 2005, Applicant elects with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 8-20.

The claims of the non-elected invention, claims 1-7, are hereby canceled. However, Applicant reserves the right to later file continuations or divisions having claims directed to the non-elected inventions.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 8 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by either Perry et al. (U.S. 6,084,175) or Manor (U.S. 6,420,245).

With respect to claim 8, applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 8 recites scribing a workpiece with a laser and completely cutting through the workpiece along the scribe with a mechanical cutter, wherein the mechanical cutter follows the scribe created by the laser. Applicant can find no such features in Perry or Manor. For example, applicant cannot find in Perry or Manor following a scribe created by a laser with a mechanical cutter. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 8 and claim 10 depending therefrom are allowable over Perry and Manor. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 8 and 10 are requested.

§102 and § 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 8-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by or, in the alternative, § 103(a) as being unpatentable over either Perry et al. (U.S. 6,084,175) or Manor (U.S. 6,420,245).

With respect to claims 8-12, applicant submits that these claims are allowable with respect to parent claim 8 for at least the reasons stated above. Allowance is requested.

With respect to claim 13, applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 13 recites scribing a workpiece with a laser along a saw street and completely cutting through the workpiece with a mechanical cutter in the same saw street being scribed by the laser, wherein the laser and the mechanical cutter simultaneously contact the workpiece. Applicant cannot find these features in Perry or Manor. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 13 and claims 14-15 depending therefrom are allowable over Perry and Manor. Allowance is requested.

With respect to claim 16, applicant respectfully traverses. Claim 16 recites, in part, scribing a workpiece with the laser and completely cutting through the workpiece along the scribe, wherein the mechanical cutter follows the scribe created by the laser. Applicant cannot find these features in Perry or Manor. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 16 and claims 17-20 depending therefrom are allowable over Perry or Manor. Allowance is requested.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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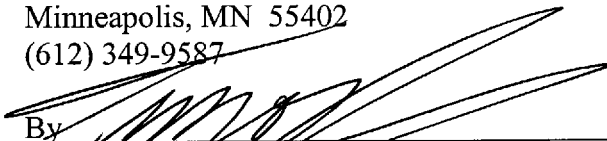
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